

'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community' 'They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31'

Newsletter 17

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From Mr Chappell: There is so much to cram into this newsletter that for once there is only a short message from me! On Monday, we had a visit from two headteachers, who spent the morning in different classes and having a tour of the school, looking at how our school values permeate throughout the whole school. They were very impressed by lots of areas of school and once again talked about how great our children are! With only a few weeks left it is important that we do not let our Flying High ethos drop and ensure that our standards in all areas of school are still very high. We appreciate all your support with this, and our children certainly showed this on Monday. Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine now it is here!



Parents / Carers Support: We know that parenting is without doubt the hardest job in the world and one that we get no training for, and that we may all need support with at times. With this in mind, we have created a new website page utilising the support of **Compass Early Help Team**, to signpost you to different avenues of support for you to access if you wish to. **What is Compass?** Compass is an Early Help team, which sits within South Glos' preventative services.

Compass provides information and advice regarding early help both directly to families and to professionals who are supporting them, to achieve meaningful and positive outcomes without the need for statutory intervention. The purpose of Compass is to navigate to the right help, in the right way at the right time.

With all this in mind please see our website page link below with links to services from Compass, from supporting routines with children to supporting adult mental health. Website link: <u>https://www.sthelensprimary.org.uk/parents/parents-carers-support/</u> We are fortunate to have amazing staff in school, who are always on hand to support parents/carers with concerns around parenting, but hopefully this link will enable further support to be signposted for those that need it. Please remember that if you ever feel like you are struggling with any aspects of supporting your child/ren, to let us know and we will try and help you as best as we can in school and with external support if need be.

Staffing: I am delighted to be able to share our teaching staffing arrangements to start the next academic year in September. Please note in the final weeks of term, we will be having a very thorough transiton so that teachers are able to pass on and receive the most important information from each teacher about the children that they will be receiving.

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EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Miss Fletcher	Miss Paul	Miss Pearce	Mr Daniels	Mr Adams	Miss Mason	Mr Leeming
		Mon – Tues		Mon – Thurs		
		Mr Bartlett		Mrs Hardy		
		Wed- Friday		Friday		

As you can see the staffing structure remains the same as the end of this year, following the appointments for the two maternity leaves we currently have, so we are delighted to have a bit of consistency moving forwards into the new academic year.

Parent/Carer survey: Apologies for the slight delay in releasing the results of the parent/carers survey. Although we were expecting to share last week, we are still looking at a couple of areas as a SLT (Senior Leadership Team) and facilitating some responses to a couple of questions posed around things such as levels of communciation and homework. (These are just a couple of examples) We are hoping to have this to you as soon as we can.



FOSH: Tickets for the Happy's Circus are now live and can be purchased via the following link: <u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsthelens1/?event=event&eventId=81070</u>

After just a few weeks tickets are selling fast with an amazing 214 tickets sold so far! Please help support this amazing event being organised by FOSH, which will be one of the first PTA events like this in the local area. All the funds raised by FOSH will be put in to providing a new trim trail on the field which the children will love! Sadly our current trail is not being used due to over 15 years of wear and tear with constant use. Please help spread the word about the circus to the wider community.

Bikeability: It was great to see so many children in Year 5 and Year 6 taking the opportunity to complete the Bikeability scheme last week. This is very important training for them and we hope that some things they've learnt will stand them in good stead for the next few years, not least considering the use of a helmet everytime that they ride a bike or scooter. It is great to see so many children arriving to school riding a bike or scooter, as we know

the area outside school can become congested with some very inconsiderate parking. (Thank you to all those parents/ carers, who take the time to park away from the school and walk in as it realy does help ease the burden outside our school gates.) Although it is great to see so many children cycling and scootering in, please remind your children **not to do so on the school playground before and after school.** Over the years we have had to deal with numerous incidents of first aid before and after school from children falling off bikes, but also accidents and bumps into other children, including pre-school children. Please ensure that you are helping to reinforce this message.

Open Classrooms: We love having parents/carers in school, and want to remind you all of the Open Classrooms on Friday 5th July. Please note this is not a large scale curriculum showcase event so there will be no art galleries and displays for you to see in other classrooms, it will be based on you coming into your child/ren's classroom to look at what they have been up to this term.

Key Dates:

FOSH Summer Disco Friday 12 th July		
Year 5 and 6 Production:		
Wednesday 10th July 5:30 pm		
Thursday 11 th July 2 pm *		
End of Year Reports Out: Tuesday 16th July		
Leavers Service to Parents 2pm Friday 19th July		
*Please note changes:		
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Well done to those children who were awarded a Celebration Certificate Holly class – Emily & Theo Beech class – Fenton & Doohyun Oak class – Elliott & Helen Ash class – Chloe & Logan Sycamore class – Harrison & Eden Elm Class – Richard & Casey

